



Broadview Bulletin



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Village Hall

**2350 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois
60155-3827
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**Hours:
Monday:
8:30am-5:30pm**

**Tuesday, Thursday, &
Friday:
8:30am-5:00pm**

**Wednesday:
8:30am-2:00pm**

October Calendar



19th-Village Meeting

31st-Halloween

November Calendar

**2nd-Village
Meeting**



11th-Village Office Closed

16th-Village Meeting

**26th & 27th
Thanksgiving Holiday
Villages Office Closed**

Sherman Jones-Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

This edition of the Bulletin reflects my commitment to a transparent government. I have solicited Trustees to include a report in the bulletin, there will also be a report from each department. In addition, I have requested the village attorneys to give a report in each edition.

There are numerous things on the horizon in the areas of; Development, Grants, Personnel and Infrastructure Overhaul. It is my pleasure to inform you that amid all of the transitional turmoil, progress is being made on many fronts.



Village Receives \$635,000 Grant



Pictured from Left: Broadview Mayor Sherman Jones, State Rep. Bob Biggins, State Rep. Karen Yarbrough, Westchester Mayor Sam Pulia.

Here is the update:

- Reduced mayoral salary by 55% (\$30,000).
- Negotiated successfully the Police Patrolman contract.
- Received a \$635,000.00 Grant from the State to resurface Gardner Rd. The grant was awarded by State Rep. (Karen Yarbrough).
- Negotiated successfully the Village Waste Removal contract (potential savings in excess of over \$250,000.00 over the life of the contract). This was done after soliciting residents for suggestions and concerns in an open meeting.
- Negotiated higher interest rates on Village deposits into the bank.
- Reduced some of the banking fees to the Village.
- Updated Village Ordinances.
- Changed outdated Licensing and Permit fees.
- Adjusted our fines to be comparable to surrounding and like municipalities.

Attorney Philip Fornaro

It is nice to finally reflect on the time period that has elapsed after the current administration took office in May. As the corporate attorney for the Village, I have been involved in almost every aspect of the current administration's transition after the election. It has been both challenging and fulfilling.

The Mayor's philosophy has been to make certain that each of the departments within the Village are organized and operating efficiently.

As a result, my first five months have been devoted to assisting in the reorganization of the various departments in the Village, reviewing current contracts and entering into new contracts, making contact with the various attorneys, vendors and businesses that deal with the Village, and drafting appropriate legislation necessary to help the Village and the department heads operate more efficiently and more consistently with the current state of the law.

One goal of this administration has been to make certain that the Village is enforcing what is in the Code book. This has resulted in adopting new ordinances to help ensure that goal is achieved.

Specifically, although an adjudication system had previously been established by the Village Code, only the Building Department had been utilizing the system. Through new legislation, the Police Department will also now be part of the adjudication system and the Village will hear most of the non-criminal cases in Village Hall rather than at the Maybrook courthouse.

The Village has also passed legislation which provides the Building Department with the most current building codes available to deal with the current issues that face residents and the Village. Prior to this administration reworking the Code, the Village was operating with antiquated codes and ordinances that were written for a different time.

The Village of Broadview has also passed an ordinance allowing the Village to require an inspection and a stamp prior to selling a parcel of real estate in the Village. This allows the Village to ensure that properties that are being sold meet the code requirements prior to transferring to another party.

Aside from the organizational portion of the transition, the Village also inherited a significant amount of litigation. Most pressing has been the litigation regarding a proposed adult use pending in Federal Court. Immediately upon taking office, the Village had to act quickly to determine the status of the litigation and the best manner in which to proceed. Despite the time constraints, the litigation team was able to obtain a favorable result in a pending motion filed by the plaintiff. This result allows the Village to continue to defend the matter.

Through significant effort, the large amount of litigation facing the Village has also started to reduce. As litigation results in substantial cost to the Village, the reduction in litigation has helped reduce future costs to the Village.

Most rewarding is that after a two year arbitration and difficult negotiation with the Fraternal Order of Police, the Village and the FOP were able to resolve their differences, stop the arbitration and enter into an agreement in recent weeks.

Now that a good portion of the organizational work has been completed, the Village is reviewing the current development agreements in place and has been determining the best manner in which to encourage development and meet the development goals of the Village.



Trustee Kevin McGrier

It is with great honor that I serve the Broadview community. We, as Trustees, take our responsibilities seriously and will continue to provide the best level of services while efficiently managing your tax dollars.

The Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys Committee meets every last Monday of the month at 7pm in Village Chambers. These meetings which are open to the public, have recently brought about many complaints as well as suggestions on how we can improve our village services. As a result, the Committee, Village Attorneys and Public Works Director Matthew Ames of MFA Construction have started re-negotiations of our current contract with our solid waste removal contractor GROOT Industries. Complaints of our current yard waste sticker program, overstuffed trash bins with no lids, lids flying down the street/missing, toppled bins, rodents and varmint are all being addressed. While we steer Broadview in the direction of being a green community, we continue to promote recycling. Health and Safety are another component of this process of improving Village services.

In December of this year, we will be taking delivery of brand new 65 gallon trash and recycling bins. This increases our weekly capacity per household by 40 gallons. The new heavy duty bins have hinged, tops which are attached to the base. They also have wheels which provide for much easier transporting to and from the curb each week. Not only will these new bins provide for better Safety and Health by warding off rodents and varmint, they are almost impossible to topple from wind and

small animals. Uniformity will increase the curb appeal of our community.

The other component of this re-negotiation is the yard waste program. Currently, residents pay \$3.00 for yard waste stickers. A very small portion of this revenue comes back to the village, yet we sometimes have to deal with yard waste bags sitting on our curbs for 6 days. Effective November 1, 2009, your Public Works Department will be handling your yard waste pickup. The increased revenue will allow us to hire additional manpower that will ensure that yard waste is picked up on a daily basis. It will also allow us to provide increased service in other areas of Public Works such as forestry, snow removal, pot-hole repair, street sweeping and brush pickup.

With the new bins of course comes a small increase in your monthly bill. An additional \$2/month will be assessed on your monthly water bill to offset the cost of the new bins. However, for a limited time, we will be reducing the price of the yard waste stickers to help offset this increase!

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Here are some quick facts about fees:

CURRENT

Water

\$4.70/unit

Sewerage

\$.81/unit

Solid Waste/Recycling

\$14.28

Yard Waste Stickers

\$3.00/bag

Additional Solid Waste Stickers

\$1.90/bin

EFFECTIVE

JANUARY 1, 2010

Water

\$4.70/unit

Sewerage

\$.81/unit

Solid Waste/Recycling

\$16.28

Yard Waste Stickers

\$2.00/bag

Additional Solid Waste Stickers

\$1.90/bin

Through our hard work, dedication and increased resident involvement, we will continue to improve our services and make a BETTER BROADVIEW.

Public Works

Matthew Ames-Director

Greetings to residents and businesses of Broadview,

As we move from one season to the next, the public works department has worked tirelessly to make sure that the services that our village needs are met, such as parkway restorations, tree removals, tree trimming, street sweeping, concrete and asphalt repairs, village property maintenance, water services, leaf and brush removal and more. We're now approaching one of the more challenging seasons of snow removal and deicing! My department and I plan to perform these duties to the best of our ability. I offer a blanket apology, for any oversights this department may be charged with and thanking you in advance for your patience. In doing our best we truly appreciate those individuals who've taken the time to acknowledge our efforts with gratitude by way of phone calls, letters, cards, and my personal favorite a friendly smile and handshake. Thank you so much for the support and we will strive to improve our department and our service to the community.



S.W.A.P.—Sheriff's Work Alternative Program puts drunk drivers and other low-level offenders to work on the streets of Cook County.



S.W.A.P. assists Public Works in cleaning up our municipal lots, impound lot and other areas in need of attention, at no cost to the Village.



The following is information you need to know:

- Brush pick-up ends Monday, October 26, 2009 and will resume April 2010.
- The Leaf Pick-up Program has begun and will end approximately November 30, 2009 weather permitting.
- Please do not rake leaves into the street as this may cause the storm drains to clog which in turn can cause a serious sewer backup issue.

Violators will be fined up to \$500 in accordance with code 8-2-8.

Five (5) biodegradable bags will be provided to each homeowner (name appears on the water bill) at Broadview Public Works located at 2734 S. 9th Avenue 8:30am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday.

Additional bags will be \$4.50 for a bundle of ten (10).

Stickers are not needed for **leaf bags** and are to be placed on parkway for pickup by Public Works.

If you place a foreign object or grass into **leaf bags**, Public Works nor Groot will not pick them up.



Building Department

David Upshaw-Commissioner



Building Department Information:

- Adopted the 2009 ICC Building Code-Model code regulations that safeguard the public health and safety in all communities, large and small.
- Adopted “Title 13-Property Transfer, Real Estate Inspections, Occupancy” Ordinance which requires an inspection and the issuance of a certificate of compliance prior to the transfer of all residential and commercial real property in the Village of Broadview.
- Boarded up and cut the grass of vacant and foreclosed properties.
- Organized the Building Department.
- Revised building forms and applications.
- Increased Building Department revenue by 93%. June-August 2009, the revenue was \$123,992.79. During the same time period in 2008, the revenue was \$64,117.00.
- New Broadview businesses: Access Credit Union and Chase Bank.
- Future Broadview businesses-LA Fitness and Ashley Furniture.



Definition of Home Repair According to Illinois Public Act 91-0230

“Home repair and remodeling” includes:

The construction, installation, replacement or improvement of driveways, swimming pools, porches, kitchens, bathrooms, basements, chimneys, chimney liners, garages, fences, fallout shelters, central air conditioning, central heating, boilers, furnaces, electrical wiring, sewers, plumbing fixtures, storm doors, windows, roofs, awnings and other improvements to structures within the residence or upon the land adjacent to the residence.

“Home repair and remodeling” does not include:

The sale, installation, cleaning or repair of carpets; the repair, installation, replacement or connection of any home appliance including, but not limited to, disposals, refrigerators, ranges, garage door openers, televisions or television antennas, washing machines, telephones, hot water heaters, satellite dishes or other appliances when the persons replacing, installing, repairing or connecting the home appliance are employees or agents of the merchant that sold the home appliance or sold new products of the same type: or landscaping.

Police Department

Ray Pelletier-Chief of Police



- The Police Department encourages residents to be mindful of important security

measures to be taken in their neighborhood, home, and automobile. Residents must be diligent in locking up cars, garages, and residences. Do not leave GPS systems, laptops, cell phones and other expensive equipment in your automobile that would be visible from the outside of the automobile.

- Be sure to report any illegal and suspicious activity or behavior in your neighborhood and in our community. Please call the Police Department while the incident is occurring with as much information as possible. When you call you can remain anonymous-you do not need to give your name, address and phone number.
- When you purchase your Broadview Vehicle Tag, display the vehicle tag properly in lower right hand corner of the windshield.



Halloween
October 31st
"Trick or Treat"
2p.m. until 6p.m..

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests, and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for your children as it is for you!

Safety tips available at Village Hall

Fire Department

John Tierney-Fire Chief



Fire Prevention Week was October 4th through 10th. This is a perfect time for everyone to check and make sure their homes have at least

one working smoke detector. Check batteries to make sure alarms are working.

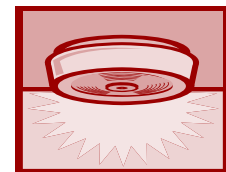
Install smoke detectors outside sleeping areas and place a smoke detector on every level of your home, including basements. Also at this time if not already installed, a carbon

monoxide detector should also be installed and working.

Three important things you can do to reduce your risk of injury from a home fire:

1. Make sure your home has properly installed and working smoke detectors.
2. Plan and practice a fire escape plan.
3. In case of fire, get out and stay out. Going back into a burning home can be deadly.

If you should have any questions or want to find out more information about smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors or a fire escape plan for your family, give the Broadview Fire Department a call.



Water Bill Collection Drop-off Locations

- Outside of Village Hall next to the mail box.
- Inside Village Hall.

Village President - Sherman Jones

Clerk - Maxine Johnson

Trustee - John Ealey

Trustee - Marquette Smith

Trustee - Nicole Benson

Trustee - Kevin McGrier

Trustee - Gary Purvis

Trustee - Woodie Morris

Director of Finance-Jan Baptist

Treasurer - Thomas Hood

Collector - Donna Barber

Budget Director - John Pieranunzi

Human Resources - Francine Harrell



Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency

911

Police (non emergency)
2350 S. 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155
(708) 345-6550
Ray Pelletier-Chief of Police

Fire (non emergency)
2400 S. 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155
(708) 343-6124
John Tierney-Fire Chief

Building Department
2350 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155
(708) 345-8174
Hours: 8:30-4:30
David Upshaw-Commissioner

Public Works Department
2734 S. 9th Avenue
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Hours: 7:30-4:30
Matthew Ames-Director



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Library

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